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WASHINGTON VISIT

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1. SENIOR LDP LOWER HOUSE MEMBER AND FIVE TIME MINISTER OF LABOR HIROHIDE ISHIDA ASKED LABATT JULY 10 TO INQUIRE WHETHER SECRETARY OF LABOR MARSHALL AND AFL-CIO PRESIDENT MEANY WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH HIM IN WASHINGTON IN THE PERIOD BETWEEN AUGUST 10 AND 14. ISHIDA, WHO WILL BE VACATIONING IN HONOLULU AUGUST 3-9, WOULD FLY TO WASHINGTON FROM THERE IF MEETINGS COULD BE SCHEDULED. END UNCLASSIFIED

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2. ISHIDA IS GENERALLY REGARDED AS PRINCIPAL EXPERT IN RULING PARTY ON LABOR MATTERS. ISHIDA'S PLAN TO VISIT WASHINGTON LAST SUMMER WAS CANCELLED AT LAST MINUTE OSTENSIBLY FOR REASONS OF HEALTH BUT BASICALLY BECAUSE OF BEHIND THE SCENES OPPOSITION ON PARTY OF LABOR MINISTRY CAREER OFFICIALS WHO HAD NOT PREPARED NECESSARY GROUNDWORK FOR VISIT. NOW THAT INCUMBENT LABOR MINISTER FUJII HAS COMPLETED SUCCESSFUL ROUND OF MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, WE BELIEVE (AND MOL SHARES THIS VIEW) THAT VISIT BY ISHIDA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD CREATE ADDITIONAL HIGH-LEVEL LDP INTEREST IN CLOSER TIES BETWEEN MOL AND DOL. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER SECRETARY MARSHALL AND PRESIDENT MEANY WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO SEE

ISHIDA. IF APPOINTMENTS CAN BE ARRANGED, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SCHEDULING THEM ON THE SAME DAY. END UNCLASSIFIED MANSFIELD

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